

Declaration under 37 CFR §1.131

I, David A. Cordeiro, of Oak Park, California, hereby declare and state as follows:

- 1. I am a patent attorney registered to practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. My registration number is 48,134.**
- 2. I have been employed as Intellectual Property Counsel for Alcatel Internetworking Incorporated (hereafter "AII") of Calabasas, CA, since Nov. 1999. AII is a wholly owned subsidiary of Alcatel, a French corporation.**
- 3. At all relevant times stated herein, my responsibilities as Intellectual Property Counsel include the administration of the invention disclosure program for AII, which requires that I personally: (a) collect and review invention disclosure documents submitted by company employees, (b) make recommendations to members of management at AII whether to pursue patent protection for inventions, (c) prepare and submit preliminary and final invention disclosure documents to the AII Patent Counsel and Committee Meetings, (c) participate in AII Patent Counsel and Committee Meetings, and (d) prepare and/or oversee the preparation of patent applications approved by the AII Patent Committee for submission with the US Patent and Trademark.**
- 4. On or about October 21, 2000, the subject matter of the present application, U.S. serial number 09/859,629, was submitted to me as an inventor's invention disclosure document by the inventor, Dr. Michael Wengrovitz.**
- 5. On November 9, 2000, I reviewed the invention disclosure document and prepared a preliminary disclosure document for purposes of discussion at the AII Patent Counsel Meeting.**

6. On January 23, 2001, I consulted with the inventor by phone and email to determine the relationship of the present invention to two other AII inventions by the same inventor, namely "Policy based PC to phone text messaging for enterprise networks" and "Application service provider architecture for property management and call accounting." Based on the conversation, I decided that the present invention would be presented to the AII Patent Counsel and Committee Meetings as a separate disclosure document from the two above cited AII inventions.
7. On March 6, 2001, I revised the preliminary disclosure document in anticipation of an AII Patent Counsel Meeting.
8. On March 9, 2001, I participated in the AII Patent Counsel Meeting with another AII patent attorney, Scot Reader. The purpose of the meeting was to evaluate each of a multiplicity of preliminary disclosure documents and make recommendations to the AII Patent Committee. We discussed the invention disclosure for the present application and concluded to recommend that a patent application be authorized. I thereafter drafted a final disclosure document (that included our comments from the AII Patent Counsel Meeting) to be submitted to the AII Patent Committee Meeting (that authorizes the preparation and filing of patent applications).
9. On April 2, 2001, I sent the final disclosure document for the present application to the firm of Christie Parker & Hale, LLP for purposes of securing a Foreign Filing License. On or about April 6, I received the Foreign Filing License.
10. On April 17, 2001, I participated in an AII Patent Committee Meeting that was convened for purposes of reviewing final disclosure documents. The meeting was attended by John Bailey (CTO and VP of Engineering), Armando Montalvo (Director of Architecture), Scot Reader (IP Counsel), and Geof Stone (VP of Hardware Engineering). The preparation and filing of a U.S. patent application was authorized at this meeting. The AII Patent Committee Meeting was the first such meeting of the year 2001.

11. On or about April 20, 2001, I authorized Christie Parker & Hale, LLP to prepare and file a U.S. patent application for the invention embodied in the present application (i.e., U.S. serial number 09/859629).
12. On April 26, 2001, I received an email regarding the preparation of the present application from the attorney, Josephine Chang, at Christie Parker & Hale, LLP responsible for preparing the patent application. The email requested clarification of the definition of terminology used in the invention disclosure document.
13. On May 3, 2001, I received a first draft of the application for the present invention.
14. On May 15, 2001, I received comments from the inventor including corrections to the first draft of the application. The comments and corrections for the first draft of the application were subsequently transmitted to Christie Parker & Hale, LLP.
15. On May 17, 2001, a patent application for the present invention was completed and the final draft filed with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 USC §1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Executed this 21st day of June 2004.



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